

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2007**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, July 25, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Brdak (family funeral).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Rengert, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #12a and b (resolutions) and two additional travel requests). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the April 25 and May 23, 2007 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Carroll, Executive Director, Detroit Regional Economic Partnership

Mr. Carroll referred to the bill that was postponed last month for the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership. He gave an overview on the Partnership and their role in Macomb County.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Chair Slinde introduced Steve Smigiel, Accounting Manager from the Finance Department, who will answer any questions regarding the bills.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Brown, to reconsider the vote from last month on the motion to postpone payment to the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership until the September Finance Committee meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegghem, Haggerty, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Tocco, Torrice, Vosburg, Szczepanski and Slinde. There were 24 "Yes" votes.

Voting No was Drolet. There was 1 "No" vote.

The Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$67,000 TO THE DETROIT REGIONAL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP.

Commissioner DeSaele asked what the difference is between the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership. Mr. Carroll explained that this bill is specifically for the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership. He said they are staff members of the Chamber, but there is a strict separation of activities between the two. He said their activities are devoted to marketing the region, prospecting for clients and bringing new business into the region.

Commissioner DeSaele suggested that a press release be sent out explaining the difference so that the public has an understanding of that. Mr. Carroll stated that they will put out a press release to that effect.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve payment as follows:

VOTING YES WERE BROWN, BRULEY, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, D. FLYNN, J. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, HAGGERTY, LUND, MIJAC, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SAUGER, SWITALSKI, TOCCO, TORRICE, VOSBURG, SZCZEPANSKI AND SLINDE. THERE WERE 24 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WAS DROLET. THERE WAS 1 "NO" VOTE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16,233,193.21, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Commissioner J. Flynn referred to page 160, mileage for the Director of the Senior Citizen Services Department, and asked if the amount is for one or two months. Mr. Smigiel said he will report back to her on that.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED (WITH TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI, PLLC/CIRCUIT COURT FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

REPORT FROM RISK MANAGER RE: COUNTY'S HEALTHSTYLES AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FIT-FRIENDLY COMPANIES RECOGNITION PROGRAM – PLATINUM LEVEL RECIPIENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by J. Flynn, to receive and file the report from the Director of Risk Management & Safety regarding the County's Healthstyles American Heart Association Fit-Friendly Companies Recognition Program – Platinum Level Recipient.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Healthstyles Committee is very proud to have received this award for all of their efforts in promoting employee fitness.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT FROM RISK MANAGER RE: HEALTHSTYLES COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

Mr. Anderson noted that this luncheon is for employees who participated in various programs throughout the year. He invited all Commissioners to attend the luncheon, which will be held on August 15 from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at Freedom Hill.

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Szczepanski, to receive and file the report from the Director of Risk Management & Safety regarding the County's Healthstyles Committee Luncheon. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT FROM PURCHASING MANAGER RE: 2007 SPRING AUCTION RESULTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the May, 2007 Macomb County spring auction results. **The Motion Carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF LAW FIRMS

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Vosburg, to appoint the following law firms:

Johnson, Rosati & LaBarge to represent the named Correction Officers and Sheriff's Department in the case of Howard Guy and

Plunkett & Cooney, P.C. to represent the County of Macomb and individual County employees in the case of James LeBeau.

The Motion Carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Vosburg, to approve the travel requests as submitted.

Commissioner D. Flynn spoke in support of the request from the Planning and Economic Development Department to the trade mission in India, but questioned if one staff will be sufficient. Mr. Cassin replied yes and indicated that this is a fact-finding mission.

Commissioner Drolet referred to the amount listed for the registration fee and wondered if that included other items. Mr. Cassin replied that is the fee that they pay Automation Alley and includes the flight, hotels, meals, transportation, etc.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried with Drolet voting "No."**

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

COMMENDING THE FORMATION OF THE MACOMB COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR ON BEHALF OF BOARD**) AND

PROCLAIMING THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF JULY AS LAKE ST. CLAIR APPRECIATION DAY (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR ON BEHALF OF BOARD**).

Commissioner Szczepanski had a concern with the first resolution and not being provided a copy of it.

Chair Slinde stated that a copy will be provided with the Full Board agenda.

Chair Slinde called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SZCZEPANSKI VOTING "NO."**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Slinde adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**